



# Supporting Rural Programs with Y4Y Webinar June 17, 2013





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### **How to Use the Technology**









### **Introductions**

#### **Host:**

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#### **Guest Presenter 1:**

Emanuel Betz
21st CCLC State Director,
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**Guest Presenter 2:** 

Nancy Valentine, Ed.D. National Program Leader, 4-H







### **Goals & Objectives**

 Understand the challenges, needs, and opportunities related to supporting 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC and other out-of-school time programs in rural geographic regions

 Learn about tools and strategies on the Y4Y site that support rural programs

Get ideas for resources rural programs





### Poll







# Rural Programs: Challenges and Opportunities



- Approximate P20% of the U.S. population lives in rural areas, which are comprised of 2,000 counties and cover 75% of the country's geographic area.
- More than 2.5 million children in rural areas live in deep and persistent poverty.
- One-third of all public schools in the U.S. are located in rural areas, serving 21% of children K-12.
- One-third of all 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs are located in rural communities.





# Y4Y Resources for Rura Programs

- Family
   Involvement
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Learn More Library

Discussion







### Meet Rural Challenges



There are several strategies 21st CCLC programs might use to promote family involvement in rural communities:

- Position your program site as a central meeting place for community groups.
- Engage with family members when you see them at the store, church or other locations in the community.



- Set up phone trees to contact families informally.
- Conduct home visits to hard-to-reach families.
- Partner with community and faith-based organizations and other government agencies to extend services.
- Be creative about messaging to be sure you communicate to all families.

« Special Challenges: Rural **Populations** 

Special Challenges: Immigrant Populations »



Learn > Family Involvement > Introduction > Meet Rural Challenges







#### Supporting and Involving Families

Family involvement requires constant efforts in engage, support, and involve families in your program. Examine the strategies below and personalize them for your particular situation.

			Personalization	
Go off-site! Visit them at places of worship, popular meeting places, and their homes.				
Carry out parenting workshops, special events, and efforts to improve the program. Involve families whenever possible.				
Create a space at your site for families to network, talk to staff members, and connect with community resources.		lk		
Think of your program as a hub where families can share ideas and resources, seek out support, and problem solve with other families or staff.				

Involve families in projects and special events.

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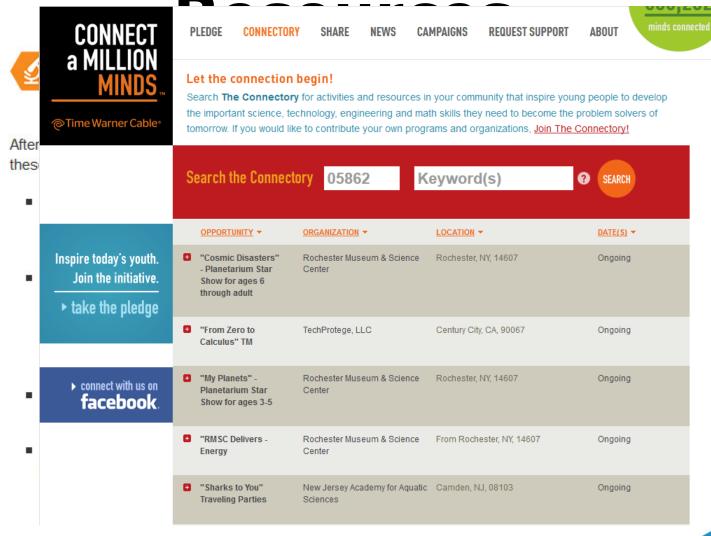


Tools > Family Involvement > Assess and Reflect



### Finding Local STEM



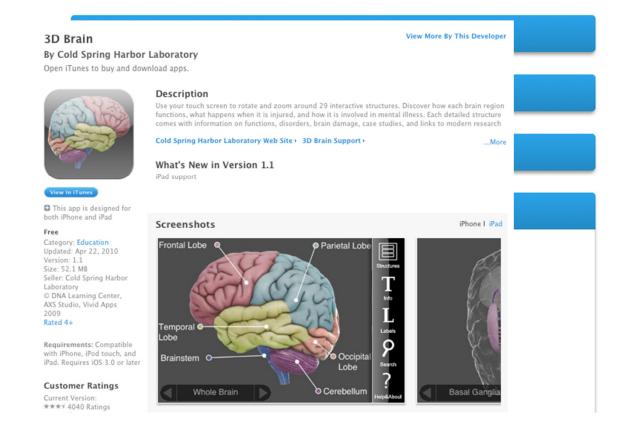




### Learn More Library Resources













### **Strengthening Partnerships Diagram**





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### **Guest Presenter 1:**

### Emanuel Betz

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC State Director, Vermont Agency of Education





### Partners in Peacham, Vermont: Taking Stock of Current Resources

A real life situation



## Partners in Peacham, Vermont











### Partners in Peacham, Vermont

- No numbered state highways pass through the town
- As of the census of 2010, there were 732 people, 299 households, and 213 families residing in the Peacham

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Annual Report 2008 Town

## Partners in Peacham, Vermont



What are the key elements/resources for afterschool/summer learning in a small town?



In Vermont a partner is recognized as a person or an organization that shares the vision and contributes...

### Partners in Peacham, Vermont

- http://www.peacham.net/
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peacham, Vermont#Points\_of\_interest
- http://www.peachamschool.org/

What great partnership examples do you have in your town? What makes them great?



Y4Y > Tools > Strengthening Partnerships Diagram

**Strengthening Partnerships Diagram** 







#### **Guest Presenter 2:**

**Nancy Valentine, Ed.D.**National Program Leader,
4-H







### Partnering with 4-H: A Kaleidoscope of Resources to Enhance Program Quality

- Nancy Valentine, Ed.D.
- 4-H National Headquarters



#### 4-H National Headquarters, USDA and the U.S. Department of Education

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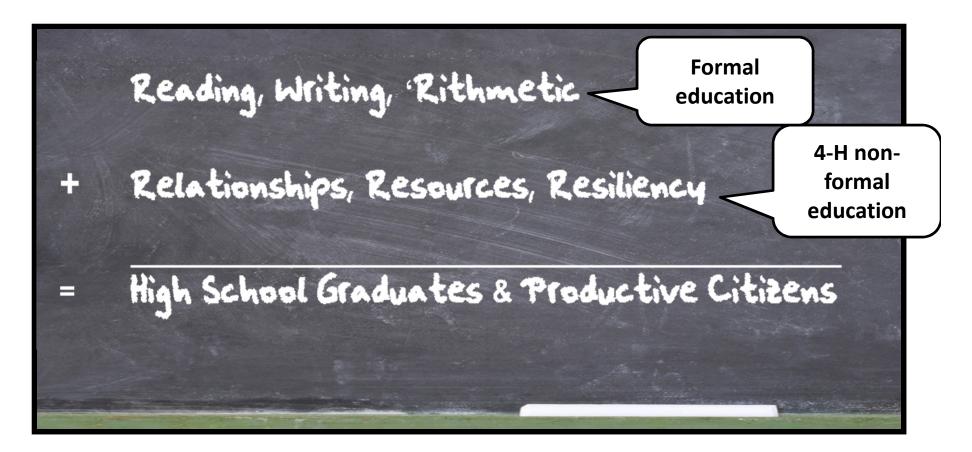


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### 4-H: The Uniquely Positioned Non-Formal Partner with Formal Education









### **Uniquely Positioned: 4-H and Other Extension Programs**



- Administered through USDA and land-grant universities
- Land-grant university creation and mission
- Campus based specialists support county faculty
- University faculty are located in -- or service --all 3,150 counties











### Top 10 4-H and CES Capabilities

- Recruit and train afterschool staff and volunteers
- Age appropriate, research based, experiential curriculum
- Bridge formal and non-formal
- Start 4-H Clubs
- Community collaborations and custom programs based on need











### **Top Ten 4-H and CES Capabilities**

- Connect youth to 4-H positive youth development opportunities
- Engage parents
- Land-grant university applied research
- Connect youth and caring adults
- Summer and extended learning











### Partnering at the Local Level

















### **4-H Afterschool Resources**

- Resources: <u>www.4hafterschool.org</u>
- Curriculum: <a href="http://www.4-hdirectory.org/">http://www.4-hdirectory.org/</a>
- Evaluation: <a href="https://cyfernetsearch.org/">https://cyfernetsearch.org/</a>
- Local Offices: www.4h.org
- Staff Training: Tools of the Trade I & II: chviliceks@UNCE.unr.edu





### **Proven Track Record**



- 4-H youth compared to other youth:
  - Had better grades
  - Were more behaviorally and emotionally engaged with school
  - Were more likely to see themselves college bound
  - Were more likely to pursue courses or careers in science

Lerner, R., Lerner, J., Phelps, E. and Colleagues (2009). "Waves of the Future: The first five years of the 4-H study of positive youth development." Massachusetts: Tufts University.









### **Proven Track Record**

- Evaluation of 64 Extension Afterschool programs in 15 states
  - 33% increased recreational reading
  - 33% had better grades
  - School vandalism decreased by over 30%
  - Estimated 16% of youth avoided grade retention
  - Saved over \$1 M for schools and taxpayers



\*Riley, D., Steinberg, J., Todd, C., Junge, S., and McClain, I (1994). "Preventing Problem Behaviors and Raising Academic Performance in the Nation's Youth:

The Impacts of 64 School-age Child Care Programs in 15 States Supported by the Cooperative Extension Service Youth-at-Risk Initiative." Madison:

University of Wisconsin.







### **Video**





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### **Thank You**

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### **Q & A**



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- Gain ideas for resources rural programs can use to enhance quality learning opportunities for youth







### **Next Steps**

#### Visit Network on Y4Y to:

- Download today's PowerPoint presentation
- View a recording of today's webinar
- Access resources highlighted in today's webinar

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